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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (AFIA) ON AUGUST 20, 1975. BEGIN TEXT.

MARK E. RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS UNION AND THE UNITED SHOE WORKERS OF AMERICA, THE AMERICAN FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION HAS FILED AN "ESCAPE CLAUSE" PETITION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974.

THE PETITION REQUESTS THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE SERIOUS INJURY SUFFERED BY THE AMERICAN FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES DUE TO INCREASED IMPORTS OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR. THE PETITION ALSO REQUESTS AS RELIEF THAT MANDATORY IMPORT QUOTAS BE ESTABLISHED ON A PRODUCT BY PRODUCT AND COUNTRY BASIS.

THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 PERMITS GROUPS OF FIRMS AND WORKERS TO SEEK RELIEF WHERE IMPORTS ARE A "SUBSTANTIAL CAUSE OF SERIOUS INJURY" TO THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. IN REQUESTING SUCH RELIEF, PETITIONERS NOTED "NO OTHER INDUSTRY RECEIVED GREATER ATTENTION TO ITS PLIGHT IN THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 THAN DID FOOTWEAR; NO OTHER SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED TO HAVE SUFFERED FROM IMPORTS AS THIS INDUSTRY HAS; AND NO OTHER AMERICAN WORKERS HAVE BEEN FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE TO THE DEGREE FOOTWEAR WORKERS HAVE.

THE PETITION INCLUDED EXTENSIVE DATA SUBSTANTIATING THE REQUEST FOR RELIEF.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT, THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION MUST ACT WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE A PETITION IS FILED. IF THE COMMISSION DECIDES THAT RELIEF IS WARRANTED, SUCH FINDING IS TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON HIS APPROVAL. END TEXT.

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2. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED FOLLOWING RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF AMERICAN FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION PETITION. KISSINGER

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